

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method for manufacture of a plastic handle member comprising the steps of:
molding a foam core member, said core member having at least one integrally formed attachment member, and over molding a plastic skin on said foam core member.
- [c2] 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said core member has a central body portion and two end portions, and wherein at least one attachment member is provided on each of said two end portions.
- [c3] 3. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said attachment member is a protrusion member which is adapted to be heat staked for affixing said handle member to a substrate.
- [c4] 4. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said attachment member comprises a channel member adapted for affixing said handle member to a substrate with a mechanical fastener member.
- [c5] 5. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said plastic skin material is polypropylene.

- [c6] 6. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said plastic skin is a hard thin shell formed around substantially all of said foam core member.
- [c7] 7. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said foam core member is made from a structural foam material.
- [c8] 8. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said foam core member is made from a non-structural foam material.
- [c9] 9. A plastic handle member comprising a foam core member and a plastic skin member molded over said foam core member, said foam core member having a central body portion and two end portions, said foam core member having at least one integrally formed attachment member thereon.
- [c10] 10. The method as described in claim 9 wherein at least one attachment member is provided on each of said two end portions.
- [c11] 11. A method as described in claim 9 wherein said attachment member comprises a protrusion member with a channel member therein.
- [c12] 12. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said foam core member is made from a structural foam mate-

rial.

- [c13] 13. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said foam core member is made from a non-structural foam material.
- [c14] 14. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said plastic skin member is a hard thin shell member made from a polypropylene material.
- [c15] 15. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said plastic skin member is a soft shell member made from a polypropylene material.